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- **2020-23 Centre of Excellence**
 - Rule of Law in the European Union
- **2019-22 Module**
 - Digital Single Market as a New Dimension of EU Law
- **2018-21 Module**
 - Clinical Education in Selected Areas of European Union's Internal Market
- **2018-21 Module**
 - Theory and Methods of Application of EU Law for Better Practice

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- **2024-27 Chair**
 - Solidarity as a value of the European Union
- **2024-27 Module**
 - Disaster Risk Management in EU Law
- **2025-28 Module**
 - Beyond the Whistle: Legal and Human Rights Perspectives in the European Model of Sport
- **2025-28 Module**
 - Bridging Borders, Building Values: Enhancing Expertise in EU External Relations and Security

Objectives to bear in mind



- Promote excellence in teaching and research on EU studies.
- Spread knowledge about how the EU works, its policies, and its values.
- Encourage dialogue between academia and policymakers, civil society, and the wider public.
- Supporting EU policy-making and enhancing the EU's role globally.

Expected impact of the project



- **Lasting effects**
 - on the host institutions
 - (sustainability, curriculum development, increased EU expertise)
 - on students and learners
 - (better EU knowledge and skills)
 - on wider stakeholders
 - (effective dissemination beyond the academic community through outreach and public events).

**JEAN MONNET
MODULE**

**BRIDGING BORDERS
BUILDING VALUES:**

**Enhancing
Expertise in EU
External Relations
and Security**

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Project Context -> Challenges



GEOPOLITICAL SECURITY CHALLENGES FACING THE EU

- Russian aggression in Ukraine → Hybrid threats & disinformation
- Migration pressures → Pact on Migration and Asylum (2024)
- Cybersecurity & terrorism → Digital border management
- Global trade tensions → WTO, CETA, investment protection
- EU enlargement → Western Balkans, Ukraine candidacy

Vision & EU Identity



- **"EU is not THEM, but US"**
 - Strengthening citizen awareness after 20+ years of membership

SK SLOVAK CONTEXT:

- Upcoming EU Council Presidency 2030 → Capacity building priority
- Need to counter "national interests first" narratives
- Teachers shape worldviews → "United in diversity"



ACADEMIA'S ROLE:

- Bridge complex EU policies to public understanding
- Demonstrate daily benefits: peace, security, trade, free movement

Main Project Objectives



1. New courses

- 3 courses + summer school

2. Public dialogue

- 10 events

3. Research impact

- 5 papers
- 3 conferences (sections)

- ✓ Clear ✓ Measurable ✓ Realistic ✓ Time-bound (36 months)



Dissemination Strategy

- **Academic channels**
 - Peer-reviewed publications
 - University website
 - Moodle platform
 - Conference presentations
- **Public engagement**
 - Video lectures
 - Social media
 - Newsletter
 - High school lectures

Outreach Beyond Academia



- **High school programme**
 - University students → Deliver 10 thematic lectures/year
 - Topics: EU benefits, security, trade
 - Builds EU identity among teenagers
- **Digital strategy**
 - Short videos by students (TikTok/Instagram Reels)
 - Public conference streams
- **Policy dialogue**
 - Roundtables: policymakers, civil society, practitioners

Communication Channels



- Academic
 - Journals, conferences
- Public
 - Social media, video platform, high school talks, newsletter
- Policymakers
 - Roundtables, guest lectures



Why did we not succeed in 2024?

Criterion 1 - Relevance of the project

Score: **17.00** (Threshold: 15 / 25.00 , Weight: -)

The application addresses the relevance criterion in a barely adequate way. There are significant weaknesses in the way in which the proposal intends to meet the objectives of the Jean Monnet action and/or to reach out to priority target groups. Certain aspects of the criterion remain unclear.

Criterion 2 - Quality of the project design and implementation

Score: **14.50** (Threshold: 15 / 25.00 , Weight: -)

The score is below the minimum quality threshold established for the criterion of quality of the project design and implementation. There are serious weaknesses and/or missing relevant information in one or several of the following topics: proposed methodology, presentation and coherence of the work programme, monitoring and evaluation strategy.



Why we did not succeed in 2024?

Criterion 3 - Quality of partnership and cooperation arrangements

Score: **18.50** (Threshold: 15 / 25.00 , Weight: -)

The application addresses the quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements criterion in an adequate way. There are some weaknesses concerning the level of competence and/or benefit of the proposed team.

Criterion 4 - Impact

Score: **16.00** (Threshold: 15 / 25.00 , Weight: -)

The quality of the proposed impact, dissemination and sustainability measures is barely adequate. There are significant inherent weaknesses in one or several of the following topics: long lasting expected impact, dissemination and communication, sustainability. Certain aspects of the criterion remain unclear.



Lesson learned

- More time needed
- Relevance test check
- Advancing the methodology
- Better PR of the project team (the same team in 2024 and 2025)
- Clarification of impact outcomes



Thank you!

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